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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: *Chen et al.*

Application No.: 09/204,865

Group Art Unit: 1655

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Examiner: F. Lu

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR FLOW-THROUGH
HYBRIDIZATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action mailed February 1, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned Application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully respected. Filed herewith are Exhibit A ("Marked up Version of Amended Claims"), Exhibit B ("Pending Claims after Entry of Instant Amendment"), a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by five months to and including March 1, 2001.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Marked up copies of the following amended claims are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Please amend Claims 1, 50, 52 and 58-60 to read as follows:

1. (Three times amended) A flow-through device for capturing a target nucleic acid comprising a three-dimensional porous substrate composed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polystyrene, polycarbonate and polypropylene and